



The Spire

FEBRUARY 2022

Hello Park Place Family and Friends,

Hope this finds everyone well. We here at Park Place are doing well as we begin another year of ministry and worship. Even though the pandemic still is floating around and affecting many people in our world, God's work is never done so we continue to move forward to seek out and execute ways to help make a difference in the world.

Here are a few thoughts:

SMILE; sometimes sharing a smile is just what someone needs and it makes us feel good too.

BE KIND; kindness is a beautiful thing and can make such a difference in the life of others.

BE GENEROUS; sharing of our blessings can awaken the spirit of generosity in others.

SHARE SOME TIME; seek out a friend who may just be lonely and visit or call to say hi and that your thinking of them.

FIND PEACE; whatever it is that brings you a sense of peace, take some time to do it, maybe spend a few moments each day with God in prayer.

PRAY FOR OTHERS; it makes a difference...

FIND BEAUTY; there is beauty all around us. Open your mind and heart to the beauty that is all around us if we only look for it.

LAUGH; as they say laughter is one of the best medicines in the world,

FIND JOY FROM WITHIN AND SHARE IT; it will make your day and others much more enjoyable.

PAY IT FORWARD; if someone does something nice for you, do something nice for 2 other people. It will help to make the world a better place.

Have a beautiful February and we will hope to see you in church.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Wayne



Worship Schedule

Please join us for "In-Person Worship Service Sundays @ 10 a.m.!! All are welcome! Please keep in mind we will be following CDC guidelines for mask wearing.

You'll also be able to continue to join us as we continue to use Social Media to worship and praise God! We will offer Thursdays Words & Music with Pastor Wayne & Jane Bedia on keyboard, Saturdays "Love Stories of Our Faith," as well as Sunday Worship which can be viewed "Live" on Facebook (Park Place Church) or anytime after 12 noon. Look for another On Line moment to enjoy during the week, to begin soon.

February 6: Holy Communion Worship Service 10 a.m.– Please join Pastor Wayne with our Chancel Choir & Jane Bedia on keyboard for worship! If you are unable to join us in person for Communion worship, please join us online by getting these things ready prior to your virtual worship; you’ll need bread (crackers are fine as well) and juice (or beverage). Please follow along as instructed. Service will be “Live” on Facebook and after 12 p.m. available anytime. You Are Always Welcome!

February 13: Sunday Worship 10 a.m.: Please join Pastor Wayne, with our Chancel Choir & Jane Bedia on keyboard worship service. Let Us Worship the Lord! Also look for us on-line for a “LIVE WORSHIP” today - 10 a.m. on Facebook.

February 20: Sunday Worship 10 a.m.: Please join Pastor Wayne with our Chancel Choir & Jane Bedia on keyboard worship service. Let Us Worship the Lord! Also look for us on-line for a “LIVE WORSHIP” today - 10 a.m. on Facebook.

February 27: Sunday Worship - 10 a.m. Please join Pastor Wayne with our Chancel Choir & Jane Bedia on keyboard worship service. Let Us Worship the Lord! Also look for us on-line for a “LIVE WORSHIP” today - 10 a.m. on Facebook.



Park Place family,

Having retired once before in my life, I have come to realize that retirement is not the end of a relationship, but rather merely a change. Back in December 2008, Pastor Wayne and I began a journey leading worship which we both believed would only be temporary. However, it soon became clear that God had planned a longer run for us than we had anticipated. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as part of the pastoral team here at Park Place.

As you already know, I am not leaving Park Place, however my role is changing. I will no longer be one of your pastors. I fully intend to continue to worship with you when we are in town. I have already begun writing the Lenten Devotionals for this year, and I am also currently deep in preparation for our Bible Study on the book of Galatians, which will begin shortly after I return from Florida. Also, I must tell you, Andy has made it very clear, he is not retiring!!

Thank you for the celebration and expressions of appreciation shared during the last Sunday when I lead worship. The book of memories touched me deeply; the pictures and especially the notes. I have gone back through the book many times, rereading the notes and reliving the events captured in the pictures.

By the time you read this, we should be either in Florida or on our way to the Sunshine State. Please know Darlene and I will always keep you in our prayers and close to our hearts. May the Lord bless you and keep you always.

In Christ’s love and mine,
Bill





Dear Park Place Family and Friends,
 Happy Valentine's Day! February is the month for love. May all you young, old or in between take the time to love yourself, your family and most importantly God.
 Blessings, Shirley



Church News!

The 2022 Annual Meeting was held on January 16, all reports, including nominating & financials were unanimously approved. Special Thanks to all who accepted a call to serve from our Nominating committee. All committees are full, we look forward to an eventful year. All committee's will be meeting within the next month to choose a chairperson. Look for the Nominating Committee with new chairpersons appointed in the March Spire!



Park Place Congregational UCC Missions
Please remember All are welcome to join any activity or just drop in to see what is going on!

Stop by the Thrift Shop! THE THRIFT SHOP WILL REMAIN CLOSED THIS MONTH. Please do not leave your donations in front of the store, please bring in while we are open. Thank you for your attention.



Help Needed: *The Thrift Shop is looking for volunteers who might be able to commit to one day or more a month. Contact Shirley Harris at the church number or by her email at harriss668@gmail.com.*
New item! We now have a Free Items Rack with Clothing, and a box of accessories! The rack is located in front of the Bowling Alley. Only the clothes and accessories on this rack are Free. If you know anyone who would benefit from the free items, please let them know of this new area.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is ongoing, please continue to knit and crochet at home. Shawls can be either knitted or crocheted and should measure 25-30 inches wide and 70 inches in length. Thank you in advance for supporting our Prayer Shawl Ministry. If you are helping us, please let us know via phone or email: 401-726-2800 or office@ppucc.necoxmail.com.

The Prayer Shawl meeting will be in the Guild Room from 2-3:30 p.m. on February 20. Please bring your shawls that you are working on and your facemask. We will adhere to all CDC guidelines regarding mask wearing and social distancing.

A MISSION FOR FEBRUARY

The Board of Deacons & Church Council have decided that in lieu of weekly altar flowers, those of you who would like to donate in memory of or in honor of a loved one can donate to the monthly missions listed each month. Please send your memorial, honorary name to the church office via email to be listed in the bulletin and The Spire. Checks can be made out to Park Place Church, in the memo please put Mission & Month. Thank you so much for your generosity with our mission programs.

We are answering a request by Dorcas House in the resettlement of Afghan refugees. They are in need of toasters and small kitchen appliances. If anyone has spare or slightly used items, we will be collecting them in a donation box and delivering it Dorcas House.

February 6, 2022, A mission fund donation is being made to the Glory of God by Ginny Platt in loving memory of grandmother Anna Anderson.

Prayers & Concerns for Our Family

Please keep these people in your daily prayers: Mike & Sharon; Carol; Chuck who is in home hospice; Rachael; Medusa; Jackie passed away in January, please keep her family in your prayers; 3 year old Benjamin diagnosed with cancer; George G; Dave in hospital; the Harrison family; Ginny; Judy; John from GA; Cathy Schora and her family; Dottie; Vicki & Brian; Marilyn Tucker; Janice Jones; Lillian as she struggles with health and personal issues, her daughter Alicia who has cancer; Louisa; Sister Mary Pendergast; Jim going through chemo for stomach cancer; Denise Gehrke; Jakob going through chemo, prayers for his family as well; Eileen – stage 4 cancer; Denise Ouellette, battling stage four ovarian cancer; Sharon Parker, fighting cancer; Alan; Lisa; Greg; Baby Penny; Valimont family – the father has ALS; a young college student dealing with mental health issues; Steve; Marc problems with his sight: Curtis; Micah; Ken Depot; Beverly Fountaine; Janet Theberge; Shelagh Lees; Jocelyn; Laurie; Eva; Janet Estes; Steven; Elaine; Bob, Carol; John; Karen B; Richard Deblois, Kathy Morrissette; Anna; Brenda; Linda C.; Charlie; Betsy; Paul; Josh Barber; Paul; Melanie; Gabriella; Karen; Beth Fournier; Kenny; Virginia; Steve; Alice; Deb C; Emily; Debbie Cury; Ann-Marie; Terry; Irene Marteno-cancer; Phyllis; Joyce – (cancer); Lauren & Heather; Frank; Joanne; Katherine; Irene; Bev; Jim; Grace; Tom; Gregg; Peter; Eric Green; Cathleen; Claudia Berube; Trevor Bynoe; Bob; Sherry; Terry; All people fighting cancer.



Please continue prayers for

... Those who are recovering from Corona-virus, those who are working in hospitals, First Responders and all who are working with the public.

...For peace in our nation, pray for our elected officials. We pray for unity as we show respect for each other, and adherence to the rule of law.

... For our country as we navigate our world of change, understanding, forgiveness, friendship and love.

... May the Lord bring Peace to this world; all those impacted by all the natural disasters all around the world.

... for the victims and families of domestic abuse.

... our service men and women, and veterans both old and young who have served our country with honor and pride.

Continued prayers for our homebound family members and friends: Sylvia Kaufmann; friends at the Holiday Retirement Home and The Village at Waterman Lake.



Happy Birthday!!

Wishing you all a Happy February Birthdays! Please consider sending a card, making a phone call or reaching out in some way to one of our birthday people!

4th: Judith Ouellette

5th: Carla Dyer

9th: Ryan Ventura

10th: David Gervais

12th: Robert Boulay

12th: Marc Champeau

16th: Mary Rose Abbott

19th: Terry May Neves

24th: Audrey Brouwer

26th: Noah McCue

Bible Quiz

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In the book of Revelation, who or what is "prepared as a bride, adorned for her husband"?

- A. The church
- B. The Spirit
- C. Mary Magdalene
- D. The new Jerusalem

THE GIFT OF ANIMALS

When God made the animals and gave them to the first human being in the Garden of Eden, though they weren't precisely the companion Adam needed, not all was lost. According to Genesis 2, God gave Adam the privilege of naming them all, and when you name something or someone, you bond with that being in a special way. Ever since creation, humans and animals have been connected – often for good purposes, though sometimes not; as the saying goes, "It's complicated."

But on the positive side, Trisha McCagh, a renowned animal communicator, writes: "Animals are the bridge between us and the beauty of all that is natural. They show us what's missing in our lives, and how to love ourselves more completely and unconditionally. They connect us back to who we are and to the purpose of why we're here."

I would say animals also show us how to love other people, nonhuman beings and the earth more completely and unconditionally. And they call our attention to God's creativity. Praise God for the gift of the vast variety of animals with whom we share this planet! –Heidi Hyland Mann



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BEING NEIGHBORLY

The last time you moved into a new community, did your neighbors welcome you? From previous moves, I fondly recall receiving smiles, handshakes, baked goods and houseplants. Because one new neighborhood included two parsonages, I wasn't surprised to receive invitations to worship. After that, I began anticipating similar invitations, even though we had a church home. We don't always take our new neighbors up on the offers, but knowing that churchgoers live nearby is comforting.

When a new family moves into your neighborhood, how do you respond? Does it cross your mind to invite them to worship? Maybe they're waiting for — even needing — that invitation. To ask, you don't need to be a pastor or a member of the evangelism committee ... just a friendly neighbor.

—Julie Lee

Bible Quiz Answer: D (See Revelation 21:2.)